

## Very Cheap Clothing.

Very elegant! Very fashionable! Very desirable! Very cheap! We mean the Ready-Made Clothing of KENNY & GRAY, Augusta. For the remainder of the season, they will offer their magnificent stock of goods at greatly reduced prices. We regret that a new advertisement from them came to us too late for this issue. It shall appear next week.

## Adjournment of the Legislature.

The Legislature adjourned on Friday last. A list of the Acts brought into being during the session just closed, will be found in another column. Next week we will endeavor to lay before our readers some of these Acts in toto, especially the Tax Act. Our State taxes are in many respects largely increased; in some respects considerably lessened.

The House rejected the Constitutional Amendment by a vote of 95 yeas, 1 nays. Mr. P. J. Coogan, of Charleston, was the single advocate for its adoption.

The Honorable Bill and the Bill providing Corn for the indigent of the State were both killed in the Senate.

Hon. J. B. Campbell is elected U. S. Senator for the unexpired term of Hon. J. L. Manning.

In a short note from our honored representative and fellow-citizen, Dr. John Landrum, it is announced that the following gentlemen have been appointed Commissioners of the Poor for Edgfield District: Geo. D. Hulet, O. W. Allen, W. L. Coleman, H. T. Wright and T. L. Martin.

## Resolutions.

On Saturday, the 22d, the following resolutions were duly passed by the Executive Council:

B. Z. W. CARVILLE, W. M.

B. ROBERT, S. W.

J. A. C. JONES, J. W.

D. B. DUNN, T. W.

T. H. CLARK, S. W.

P. F. McLEWIS, S. D.

S. H. MANDY, J. D.

L. H. McCULLOUGH, Tyler.

## The Head-Centre Visits Edgfield.

JAMES A. GRAY, Esq., Head-Centre of the Grays of Augusta, and Head-Centre of the Grays of Edgfield, visited Edgfield on Friday last. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, and a large number of friends. They were received by the citizens of Edgfield with the utmost hospitality. Mr. Gray is a very interesting and popular man. He is a native of Edgfield, and has spent much of his life in the South. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a very active and successful man. He is a very popular man, and is very well liked by all who know him.

## Christmas.

It is a convenient arrangement that, despite the wrangling of parties, sections, churches and kingdoms, the season preserve their accustomed order, and that seed-time and harvest, work days and holidays, meeting-time, pudding time and bed time, all come off regularly according to the fundamental law of Christian nations, as promulgated in the Almanac. Pursuant to a provision of that invaluable instrument, Christmas is inaugurated with the usual hours on to-morrow, Tuesday, 25th December 1866. Eighteen hundred and sixty-six years since the "voice from heaven" proclaimed "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Yes, the Almanac says it must come only once a year, and then on the 25th December. And so it will be. No postponement on account of the weather. We hail the readers, patrons and friends of the Advertiser with the old time cry of

Merry Christmas! Chris mas Gift!

And earnestly hope the present season will prove to them one of unalloyed happiness and festivity. While the gift we crave, is the invaluable boon of their continued friendship, indulgence and support. And we trust further that the smoke of savory sacrifices will ascend from the domestic altars of each and every one of them. The odor of roast turkeys, and the coats of our stomach experience a gentle titillation in anticipation of a lining suitable to the season. Plum puddings (big enough to fit the mammoth ordinance with which we so vainly bow the Yankee) are "in our mind's eye, Moravia." And mince pies, evaporating spicy odors, and smelling a little, a very little of burnt brim, seem to be gelling into our sanctum, propelled by their own appetizing steam. While a distance that "hunts enchantment to the view," discloses a scene of confectionery and epicurean small wares that is quite overpowering. An everlasting blessing on jovial Christmas! Never may its merry-making fall into disuse! It is a good, substantial, wholesome, Anglo-Norman festival, worth ten thousand of Fashion's lick-shaw gala. Our forefathers consecrated it to charity, and the smoke of their Christmas chimneys was a banner of hospitality, inviting the poor and the hungry to feast with those whom God had "blessed in basket and in store." To feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the sick and the sorrowful, was the benevolent mission of Him who first saw the light of the world on Christmas Day; and we shall better please Heaven if we celebrate the anniversary by sending turkeys to the turkey, pudding to the pudding, and food to those who shivering by fireless hearths, than if we put up the longest prayer that ever was taken down in short-hand by the recording angel.

Religion, beloved readers, is a genial spirit. Its vision is comprehensive, and takes in the whole circle of human suffering. And in our opinion, every deed of human kindness is a new round added to the ladder by which, with Faith to steady him on the way, the Christian mounts from earth to heaven. Let us all, therefore, strive to consecrate this great Sabbath of humanity by following out, as best we may, the divine example of Him who "went about doing good."

## Carpets Oil Cloths, Curtains, Window Shades.

Very particular attention is called to the new advertisement in another column, of JAMES G. BAILIE & CO., Augusta, Ga. Fresh supplies, comprising still newer and more varied patterns of the above named articles, have been received by these honorable and liberal merchants. They have now, as for years past, a selection not often equaled for variety and excellence; from which every purchaser, from the richest to the poorest, may gratify his taste.

And although Carpets, Oil Cloths, Curtains and Window Shades may be summed up as the grand specialties of BAILIE & CO., yet they by no means confine themselves to Upholstery. But on the contrary keep always on hand a splendid stock of Dry Goods, from the plainest to the most elegant; of Groceries, from the simplest to the most fantastic; and of Liquor, from the new and cheap to the mellow and most costly. Of the latter we have (in sacred keeping) a rich and rare bottle of Irish Whiskey—which they have sent us for new year's day. The opening of it shall be a solemn rite, and all the prayers shall be for the continued prosperity and high honor of BAILIE & CO.

Let none go to Augusta, to his guest waiter, without calling at that pleasant place 205 Broad St.—a place from which all depart in the kindest and most satisfied spirit.

The Hartford Times gives the following prevailing signs as indications of a very cold winter: "When high, even-bucks thick, squirrels plenty, m-m-m-m waterfalls and mist are bunnies, and all the pretty girls get married."

That's so, too, in this section.

Bishop Elliott, the Episcopal Bishop, died suddenly at his home in Savannah, on the 20th, of disease of the heart as is supposed.

It seems unlikely in the Confederates to make so many charges on General Butler. When he commanded a Federal army he didn't make any upon them.—Practice.

## The Baptist Fair and Supper.

Few people were prepared to witness as joyful a beautiful as that which greeted them on Wednesday evening last upon entering the Hall of the Female College. The taste of the ladies of our community in matters of shows, pageantry, etc., is now fully established. The general arrangement of the Stalls, Booths and Tables on the occasion in question, but that still firmly on the head. If the public are willing to take our word for it, the coup d'oeil on entering was as lovely and harmonious as any we have ever beheld at a similar exhibition.

The Hall of the College became, for a few hours a little world of light and life and beauty and joy. The whole thing was delightful. Every body was happy. The little children were absolutely illuminated with mirth and gladness. Young men and maidens, old men and children, in gay or sombre raiment, as the case might require, moved about in kaleidoscopic order, forming mosaic groupings of colors light and dark. If there were lovers of solitude there, they had a bit time. Animation was the watchword. But still, if we mistake not, reverie and love-making (as is always the case) found a quiet niche.

These affairs do more than make money for charitable purposes; they add to the amusement, instruction, gratification of the community in which they are held. We earnestly wish they could be inaugurated often.

## The Cat under a Dish-Cover.

For the little folks, as designed by the authoress, we publish to-day a simple and pretty Christmas Tale. The said little folks must always be duly attended to during Christmas. We recognise their claims; and my St. Nicholas kick us into the middle of next week if we ever forget them. The tale of the "Cat-astrophe" is by the gifted, pious and womanly woman of our own District, whose contributions of prose and poetry have so often, through a long course of years, graced the columns of the Advertiser. We beg leave to offer her, in this place, the best wishes and kindest compliments of the season.

## Homicide in Graniteville.

On Thursday afternoon last, at Graniteville, EDWARD SHAW, was shot and killed by W. B. STOKES. The latter has been lodged in our jail. We have not been able to learn the particulars of the occurrence, or the circumstances which led to it.

## New Goods and an Old Merchant.

The Goods are new, beautiful, cheap, and exactly suited to the holidays. As to the merchant, he is almost a just man made perfect. We mean Mr. B. C. BRYAN. Read his new advertisement.

## Congressional.

In Congress the Radicals are still laboring faithfully for the further degradation of their

peoples—the Negroes—and the deeper degradation, if possible, of the Southern white man.

In the Senate, on the 18th, Mr. Sumner presented the memorial of the Union League of Norfolk, Va., for the establishment of a Territorial Government in Virginia, and the appointment of Judge Underwood as Governor. Referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of foreigner, who have declared their intention, asking that the right of suffrage in the District of Columbia be extended to them. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Bill for the admission of Nebraska was taken up, and the amendment of Mr. Brown, denying admission until civil and political rights are secured to all without regard to color, was discussed. Without voting on the amendment, the Senate went into Executive session, and afterwards adjourned.

On the 16th, in the Senate, Mr. Ross introduced a resolution, which was laid on the table, directing the Committee on Reconstruction to inquire into the expediency of abolishing such regulations for the government of the District of Columbia as shall have reference to or may bear upon the right of the colored people to hold office.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the Committee on Foreign Relations were instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the immigration of Chinese into the United States.

In the House, Mr. Stevens called up the Bill reported by the Committee on Reconstruction at the last session, providing the conditions on which the Southern States may be re-admitted, to which he offered some amendments. This Bill now stands on the calendar as the first special order.

In the Senate, on the 26th, Mr. Wilson offered a joint resolution directing the President to instruct officers of the army and navy and of the Freedmen's Bureau to prevent and prohibit the infliction of corporal punishment for crimes and misdemeanors in lately rebellious States until their civil governments shall have been reorganized and ratified by Congress. Ordered to be printed.

Representative Pike's committee to investigate the circumstances connected with the alleged murder of Union prisoners in South Carolina, and the subsequent release of those connected therewith, were to leave for Charleston, to-day, the 24th.

The House Committee on Territories will, after the holidays, report a Bill providing for the reorganization of the Southern States.

## "Manure Depot."

In another part of to-day's paper will be found a card headed as above; very unromantic, but tremendously important. The great question which exercises the planting community is: How can more Cotton be grown? And Corn and Wheat and Vegetables? The question can be solved by J. O. MATTHEWSON & CO., 285 Broad St., Augusta. All the fine concentrated Manures now in use, the great efficacy of which can no longer be doubted, may be obtained of Messrs. MATTHEWSON & CO., in any quantity. Patronize this Depot, and you insure the fact that you save half the quantity of labor usually required, and make your lands yield twice as much as ever before.

## Sow in the Seed-Time, and Reap in the Harvest.

And be sure that you get your Seeds of PAULSEN in Augusta. Read his advertisement and learn where to find him. And don't forget to demand of him one of his Almanacs, or, more properly speaking, Garden Manuals. They are useful and valuable documents. Remember the name of PAULSEN, the Seed man in Augusta.

## The Impeachment Resolution.

The following Resolution in reference to impeachment was offered in the House by Mr. Ashley, of Ohio, on the 18th:

Resolved, That a Select Committee, to consist of seven members of this House, be appointed by the Speaker, whose duty it shall be to enquire whether any acts have been done by any officer of the Government of the United States which in the contemplation of the Constitution are high crimes and misdemeanors, and whether said acts were designed or calculated to overthrow and subvert or corrupt the Government of the United States or any department thereof, and for said Committee to have power to read and publish papers, and to administer the customary oath to witnesses, and that they have leave to report at any time.

## Female Suffrage.

We have heretofore taken the position that if "impartial suffrage" is to be established as a right, women as well as other classes of citizens, ought to be permitted to exercise that right. The New York Sun has the following sensible paragraph on the same subject:

FEMALE SUFFRAGE.—The question of female suffrage has been before Congress, but the discussion upon it is not likely to amount to much. There would probably be little objection to granting women the right to vote if it were felt that they really wanted it. As far as intelligence and education are concerned, they might be admitted to suffrage with far more propriety than the ignorant negroes of the South. But women do not want the ballot, and if it were given them to-morrow, not one in a hundred would avail herself of the privilege. In women laws, feeling, feeling better suited to their delicacy and refinement than could be found in the domain of politics, which they seem quite contented to leave for the present, in the hands of the rougher sex.

## The Toy Saint.

Juveniles, the good time is at hand! The patron saint of suspended stockings, with step as light as the feet of the Queen Mab, will within a few hours pay his annual donation visit to your domiciles. How his Duck-bill, gray-bearded, wooden-shod reverence contrives to walk as if he were shod with swan's down, and to initiate his burly peripatetic into contracted chimney flues and narrow stove pipes, is a problem in physics the solution of which we leave to your classic imaginations. He has already visited the different stores in our village where toys and candy are kept, quizzing his merry old eyes at all the pretty things and sweet things. No longer than this morning we caught glimpses of him at Messrs. & HARRISON'S. The jolly old peddler! He is making ready to start on his rounds. But it was at the Baptist Fair his pack was principally made up. How he did pick and choose there on Wednesday evening last!

At precisely twelve o'clock to-night, by a multiplying process peculiar to himself, St. Nicholas will descend at least five hundred chimneys in this vicinity, and make more than double that number of his rascally deposits. The saintly peddler, unlike his rascally mortal brethren, disturbs the contents of his inexhaustible pack "free-gratis for nothing." Silent as his visits may be, he will yet leave behind him an abundant supply of the elements of noise. Drums, trumpets, whistles, fiddles, rattles, whips, asses, barking dogs, jugs, harps, triangles, tambourines, castanets, and various other instruments with which discord first its annual broadside at the drum of one's year, will, with the earliest peep of dawn on the morrow, drive all the adult world crazy. Well, well, we bawled men are just as fond of our bawbles as of years. So

"Sound trumpets! Strike alarm drums!"

And let those who have never ears stuff the same with cotton.

## Legislature of South Carolina.

The Legislature adjourned Friday at 1 o'clock p. m. The following is a complete list of the Acts ratified by the General Assembly and approved by the Governor.

An Act making appropriations for the year commencing 1st October, 1866.

An Act to raise supplies for the year commencing 1st October, 1866.

An Act to amend the Criminal Law.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Charter of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad Company."

An Act to regulate the fees of Sheriffs for detaining persons confined in jail, and to provide for the more expeditious payment.

An Act to incorporate the village of Bennettsville.

An Act to incorporate the Winthip and Santee Canal Company.

An Act to amend and amend the charter of the town of Sumter.

An Act for the better protection of Seamen and Immigrants in the port and harbor of Charleston.

An Act to authorize the creation of the creation of private corporations within this State.

An Act to charter the Columbia and Sumter Railroad Company.

An Act to amend and extend an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Charter of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad Company."

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